

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Robert A. Luciano, Jr. <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	YOO, JASSON H
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Title:	HIGH GRANULARITY PROMOTION-BASED AWARDS AND USE IN GAMING ENVIRONMENTS		
		Customer No.	30076

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action of October 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 153-171 are pending in the present application. Claims 153-155, 157-165, and 167-171 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Walker (US 6,227,972). Claim 156 and 166 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker (US 6,227,972) in view of Walker (US 6,364,765). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.